

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre

Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Pam Sudney

Excused: Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Mary Szwed, Peggy Clarke, Keith & Marsha Behm, Janice Cooney, Kirk Smith

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Downs, seconded by Browning to approve the agenda as amended, adding New Business #6 Master Plan Update. Ayes: Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith, VanDePerre and Browning Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Browning, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular meeting with the correction of trustee Smith's phone number and the word an in place of the word and on page . Ayes: Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith, VanDePerre, Browning, and Downs Nays: None Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Downs, seconded by Smith, to approve payment of the bills for June 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Hook, Loll, Smith, VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Commissioner Nye provided written report and spoke regarding Health Department grant funding; Benzie County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Policy; EDC Special Meeting; Village of Benzonia Speed Sign; Joint Township meeting (Platte and Benzonia Townships); Benzonia Planning Commission; Community Panel Discussion at Grow Benzie; Benzie School Board; Benzie County foreclosure sale; MSU Extension Annual Report; Sheriff employment opportunities; Bumsted and Coffia secures funding for City of Frankfort; Benzie County Internet.

ZA Cypher reported: ZBA Appeal with Leonard Dr Dispute; 1 investigation pending for Junk/Equipment Storage; 3 FOIA Request; 1 sign permit issued; Eden Brook still pending; PC Draft Survey submitted to board for review; 18 phone calls handled and 16 emails to Village Residents and others.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported – Quarterly transfers for June will be in July, Audit entries were all made for 2022 and books for 2022 closed, Sewer operations still show as credit, Equipment cash account needs to be changed to another cash account.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Heniser, to accept the Treasurer's report for June 2023 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Loll, Smith, VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, and Heniser Nays: None Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported upcoming Administrative Consent Order inevitable, 9 important items that need to be done by end of year and are time consuming. State Reps were contacted and informed. Heard back from John Roth of our situation help not asked for at this time.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – reported resident letter from Joan Duggan regarding rain gardens, invited to meeting to take place with engineering firm, Village Board, Conservation board, Watershed, EGLE, & DNR on July 25. Met with DNR need to get a permit, go to bid in fall or late fall. Construction in Spring with end date August 2024.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – reported Planning Commission meeting went over survey, bid for clearing of spoils Bonney Brother wants to resubmit, first bid was based on 60 yards and more like 1200 yards, Jeff will give to her when he gets it.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported and thanked Jeff and Village crew for the way the Village look July 3 to July 5 it never looked better, retrieved the bench back for the fishing pier from the lake- possibly zip tie down, launch ramp has big hole in cement the repair will be done in late fall by Cottage Pro's, Cottage Pro's offered to fix raft and make a steel ladder and maintain for use, he will check to see if that will have a charge or for free, Several issues at campground working through them, cable finally works, need a trash can in North Park, rectified boat dock list need to update in excel, will work on 2024 Rules and Contract for campground to go to next board meeting for approval, to start taking reservations for next year.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – reported Village is responsible for relocating street light on US 31 to Crystal Dr intersection, Consumers Energy contacted and they will send tentative bill for project \$2,000 to \$3,000 to do. Annie asked for parking lines in public back parking lot, Mark would like ordinance for trailer parking on road, and wrong way parking on Prospect.

Trustee Downs: Equipment – reported no lawn mower yet to cut sewer pond, County did for us, meeting with Gillison's and Rep from Bushhog to find out what is going on and alternatives.

Superintendent Cypert: Generator control panel faulty, waiting for repair, Kerby patched roads and had issues with car traffic & people, discussion with uniform company about cancelling, will talk to President VanDePerre.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Administrative Consent Order (ACO) approval for President VanDePerre to sign official ACO in draft form #4 right now. The signature will be done electronically: Motion by Smith, seconded by Heniser to approve President VanDePerre authorization to sign ACO with electronic signature. Roll Call. Ayes: Smith, VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, and Loll Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding the ACO with regard to the zip code regarding property location, wiggle room on the DRAFT ACO was discussed and the state is firm and not budging, attorney's biggest points were accepted, funding issue – there is not an option.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Browning, to adopt Resolution 2023-003: Submitting Millage Proposal which includes the ballot language that we would use and suggest we do this for a period of 30 years and not forever. Roll Call. Ayes: VanDePerre, Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, and Smith Nays: None Motion carried. Discussion was had to clarify sharing of cost, pay loan back, sewer bills, usage, millage increase, amount of money about \$202,000 from 4.6 mills

Motion by Loll, seconded by seconded by Heniser, to approve health Insurance switching from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Priority Health Insurance. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Motion carried.

8:40 p.m. Public Input

Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA, 4th of July CLCBA thanks Village of Beulah crew, Emergency manager, Benzie Bus, and volunteers, 5K race third highest number of runners which was over 500. Good turnouts for the concerts with more than 1000 people over the last 3 concerts. Street closure will be at 4 p.m. for Accidental's concert because of 3 times number of crowd. 3rd year this has been done.

Beulah Boosters 1st official fundraiser yard sale at the Lumm's house that starts this Friday. Proceeds will go to support the sports courts, repair and upgrade to Pickle Ball court and repair and resurfacing the tennis courts.

Rhonda Nye, Commissioner, Benzie joint Planning Commission meeting (Platte and Benzonia Township will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday upstairs at the Mill House.

Mary Szwed, 6625 Crystal Ave, ACO final form available for people to view? Response: will be placed on the Village website. List of the 9 things/violations, response was only 1 violation which was reporting.

8:46 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Ayes: Heniser, Hook, Loll, Smith, VanDePerre, Browning and Downs Nays: None Motion carried.

Pamela Sudney
Beulah Village Administrator